

B/N Roberts, Walter  
Adolphe

RE DR. IVAN LLOYD.

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ASSERTS IN HOUSE ADOLPHE ROBERTS BAN UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Supporting Glasspole's motion which sought to remove the ban against Adolphe Roberts entering this island Dr. Lloyd said in part :-

The Executive Council is to carry out policy or to see that it is carried out. It is not an administrative body. As to whether a man should be excluded from this country or not is a question of policy. It may be carrying out policy, but ~~that~~ it is not policy. It is an administrative detail for administration. I hold that the matter of excluding an individual from Jamaica should not have been submitted to the Executive Council at all and that the entire matter is unconstitutional. That is one point I should like to be considered because if they have an important bearing on the action of Government in the future and people coming back to this country may have to have their credentials scrutinized by those who are politically opposed to them and that would be reducing the whole thing to a farce.

Surely those who drafted the Constitution never contemplated such a thing. It is of all bodies unqualified to adjudicate on a matter of that kind and the Governor should have asked for advice not from the Executive Council but from the Privy Council as set out in the quotation I have read. That is the only point I wish to make Sir, and I want it to be considered by the Party in power - by the Majority Party, when matters are brought before them in future, because I feel it has everything to do with good Government and it is no use coming here and talking about this being propaganda. That is no answer to an important public question and if persisted in will be reducing public matters to a farce if members instead of replying to points raised just throw up their hands and say it is propaganda. If continued, it will mean that in future we will not have proper debates. We want matters of importance considered and debated in a proper manner. If not, what is the Legislature coming to?